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Mark the calendar, it's happening

Olympian and first pro football player from area recognized

DARREN LUM

Editor

Get ready for history to be made.

Olympian Lesley Tashlin and the first pro football player from the Highlands, Taly Williams will join Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls, Matt Duchene, Mike Bradley and Cody Hodgson on the wall of fame on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton later this spring.

It's been more than two decades in the making, but the siblings who both graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will have their likeness in murals, each measuring 12' high and 18.5' wide, revealed and celebrated with a ceremony on June 18.

Williams said he will be here along with sister, Tashlin, including their two sisters and their families to attend the ceremony.

"It's an amazing honor to receive a mural in town with the select few who have achieved this honor. It's important to be treated equally and have Lesley and
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Haliburton's own performs

Ryan VanLieshout and Band play at Lift Your Country Spirit, a dinner and fundraiser for Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton on Saturday, May 14. The event was held at Legion Branch 129 and featured a dinner catered by McKeck's Tap and Grill, a live auction, dancing, and music by Ryan VanLieshout and Band with special guest musician Carl Dixon. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

High school milestone event returns

Students seeking community's support to bring everyone together

DARREN LUM

Editor

The students of Hal High are looking for help from the community with mak-

ing this year's prom the best it can be.

After more than two years of health measures, which has cancelled public events, the high school's prom committee is excited with plans to have the milestone event on May 28 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake.

Prom committee member Crystal Petry said, "It felt amazing to learn that we were able to have prom this year! There hasn't been a prom for the past two years because of COVID, so the last two years

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Posted expectations

The Haliburton Fire Department's deputy chief Dan Chumbley changes the sign facing County Road 21 (by Cedar Avenue) to inform the public about the total fire ban, which took affect on Thursday, May 12. Issued by all the fire chiefs of Haliburton County, the fire ban was declared because of the extremely dry conditions and the low rainfall. The ban does not include propane barbecues, portable gas, propane or liquid-fuel cooking stoves, but does include fireworks, campfires/bonfires, charcoal barbecues, candles/lanterns, tiki torches, propane firepits or firebolws, chimneas and burning of leaves or bush. /DARREN LUM Staff

Student led effort at heart of recognition

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myself on the wall," he wrote in an email. "Thanks to the young minds at JDH who reminded us of that and then the town council and [the Dysart cultural resources committee] members who made it happen. Andrea our mayor set the stage, and then the tireless work of Jim Blake. It's all literally in the hands of artist Annie Hamel now."

The California resident, who has always had a soft spot for Haliburton, noted the importance of having a Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame.

"That will preserve local accomplishments in one location in town and also inspire some kids to strive to make the Haliburton Hall of Fame one day," he wrote.

The J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) teacher Marina Thomazo, who helped to guide her Grade 7 and 8 students in the effort towards making this happen was elated.

"It is happening! It is real! Haliburton, a small town in Ontario understands equity and valorised people for their achievements no matter who they are! WOW!" Thomazo said about the two Black athletes and professionals of note in their respective communities in an email.

Past students she spoke with were also excited. Thomazo has attempted to share the news to the other students so they can attend the ceremony, whether through

high school teachers or other means, but acknowledged that some students have work commitments and there is a scheduled dance recital on June 18.

"Nevertheless, I am counting on the most motivated ones [to come]," she wrote.

Among the past students includes Cheyenne Degeer, who has been looking forward to attending this ceremony since the class started their efforts in the winter of 2020 to have the Tashlin and Williams recognized, which included convincing Dysart et al council to approve and then implement action, and a social media campaign (with #OurMurality and #HerTrackHisField) to raise awareness and funds. Close to \$35,000 was raised through a GoFundMe collection and accepted through the township.

"I was really excited and just happy that all the work had been put into it had turned out and worked out," she said.

Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts plans to attend the ceremony to recognize the athletes, which was brought forward by a Grade 7 and 8 class.

"This has been a wonderful process, from the students identifying the lack of recognition for Lesley and Taly's accomplishments to the dedication for fundraising, and now unveiling of the murals. June 18 will be a wonderful day to celebrate these two great athletes!" she wrote in an email.

Rekindling a rite of passage

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of students have missed out on this amazing experience. With us being able to have a prom and graduation this year, it feels like life is getting back to normal."

Justin Collins, who is an HHSS staff sponsor of this year's prom committee with Kathryn Darling, wrote in a email message, prom is a "rite of passage for graduating students."

"It's one last night to celebrate four years of high school together before students go their separate ways. I think this year is more important though given what students have had to go through the last two years. Having to cancel prom in 2020 and 2021 was sad for those graduating classes, so the class of 2022 really felt strongly that if a prom could happen, it needed to," he wrote. "We set out in the fall under the assumption that we would have a prom, but without any certainty that it would actually happen. We wanted to be ready in case we would be able to do so, and as restrictions were lifted, more and more opportunities became available for us in terms of the kind of event we could plan. In the new year things became much more clear as to not only that this would happen, but what it would look like."

With the GoFundMe (www.gofundme.com/f/haliburton-highlands-secondary-school-prom) launched, they are looking to the public for help, which will enable as many people to attend as possible, and add additional

niceties for everyone to enjoy.

Petry, who is on the committee with fellow Grade 12 student, Emma Thompson, wrote, "It means so much to us to be able to have the opportunity to plan prom with the rest of the committee. It was our main goal to fundraise enough money so we could make ticket prices lower for people who may not be able to afford it. It also allowed us to be able to have a photographer, photo booth and a DJ. We've been going around to local businesses to get raffle prizes, and we want to be able to have enough so that every graduating student gets a prize! If anyone from the public would like to donate a prize (gift cards, water bottles, accessory items, etc), anything is appreciated."

As of Monday (May 16), the effort has resulted in \$1,670 being raised towards the \$5,000 goal.

From the GoFundMe page, as stated by Petry and Thompson: "As our high school lives come to a close, we can't help but listen to all of the stories, reminisce about all of the memories that we have made, and become closer with all of our amazing teachers and fellow classmates. Prom night is a night to remember, and hopefully, we will be lucky enough to experience this once-in-a-lifetime feeling. Our prom is our way to have one last celebration with our friends and classmates of many years. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity as the last two years of graduates didn't get this chance."

Fire ban declared for Haliburton County

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Within two hours of a total fire ban being declared on May 12 by each of the four municipalities within Haliburton County, a fire call came in. Algonquin Highlands fire services, with the assistance of Minden Hills fire department, Haliburton Highlands OPP and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry responded to a large bush fire in Algonquin Highlands.

While the fire was caused by what AH fire chief and county fire co-ordinator Michael French called "natural causes," being potentially related to hydro wires sparking, it was a sizeable fire a hectare in size that had firefighters on scene for seven hours because the bush is so dry.

"The one thing we really want to stress is that it's not necessarily the impact of the fire itself, it's the impact on the fire services in general, because all our resources in Dorset and Stanhope and a lot of resources from Minden were all tied up with that bush fire. You don't have the opportunity to provide the other essential services in our community such as for structure fires and medical response, too."

Extremely dry conditions caused in part by a lack of sufficient rainfall have resulted in a fire danger rating of "Extreme."

"Right now, we're very susceptible to the dryness because there's no canopy in the bush," said French. "It's usually there to block the sun, but right now the sun is going right down to the ground."

That area of the ground, made up of decomposing organic material, is called the duff layer, which French said is so dry as a result of the sun "baking it," with nothing to deflect the impact of the sun, which has firefighters hoping for both rain and leaf cover. French said the same type of fire can happen as happened on May 12 simply by careless disposal of still-lit cigarettes.

The county-wide total ban was called earlier that day after the municipality's four fire chiefs had reviewed the day's indices from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. The indices share readings of, for example, the fuel moisture guide and the duff layer moisture relative to the humidity forecast, which result in ratings such as the Extreme rating of May 12. The fire chiefs meet for a conference call or email every Thursday morning and base any outdoor fire restrictions, or burn bans, on those numbers. The current ban will be in place until at least the following Thursday when they meet again to review updated Ministry numbers.

The ban means that residents can use propane barbecues and portable gas, propane or liquid-fuel cooking stoves, but cannot have campfires or bonfires, use fireworks, charcoal barbecues, outdoor candles and lanterns, tiki torches, propane fire pits or firebowls, chimineas, or burn leaves or brush at this time.

"We're just trying to eliminate any source of ignition," French said.

Daytime burning permits and firework permits are suspended until further notice.

"We don't have a lot of rain forecast," French said. "The rain for [May 14] is one millimetre and that won't make a difference. We just have to get through this time." (While more significant rainfall occurred on May 16, the public is reminded that doesn't result in an immediate lifting of the ban.)

French said in Haliburton County, there's "one voice, one message" from the four departments, as bans can vary by jurisdiction elsewhere.

"Right now, in general, most municipalities have bans on," he said.

There's zero tolerance for anyone not abiding by the burn ban at this time.

"It's like fishing, you have to know what you're doing before you do it," he said. "Ignorance isn't an excuse."

French said the same night the ban was put into place, after the bush fire, a truck responded to a call about a fire occurring in Algonquin Highlands that resulted in

the person responsible being billed more than \$500 – that's the bill per hour, per truck that attends the site in question. Those responsible for an uncontrolled burn during this time are facing even greater financial penalties, all based on Ministry of Transportation rates.

"If you have a fire during the burn ban, and it gets away on you, you're responsible for all costs," said French, and then, calculating the number of trucks deployed to the bush fire the day before, he said: "That call yesterday, if it wasn't an act of nature, it probably would have resulted in a fine upwards of \$30,000 or \$40,000. It adds up fast."

Those reporting fires at this time should call 911.

"We take it very seriously because when we have a bush fire, it impacts the sites, the lives of the community members who are at risk – each one of these firefighters come from their employment – the impact on the environment itself. Once a fire starts, it can go for miles without us being able to get ahead of it, just the way it is right now."

When the Ministry's ratings are below Extreme again, French said the four departments in the municipality will discuss the conditions, and the ban will likely be lifted.

"Our goal is for the people to have the opportunity to have campfires," French said. "I'd really like to see it come up before the long weekend but if it's not safe to, we're not going to."

To check on fire ban status in Minden Hills, call 249-802-3535. In Algonquin Highlands, call 705-766-0010.

A provincial daytime burning policy annually comes into effect during the fire season on April 1 until Oct. 31, meaning during that time residents in the fire region cannot have outdoor fires between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. without a permit. Residents are subject to fines if they are found to be in violation of these regulations.

Please note: visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca or www.mindenhighlands.ca for further information and updates regarding fire bans in place.

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One-year reprieve to apply for road allowances

Dysart will seek legal expertise regarding Policy 32

DARREN LUM

Editor

The following are news briefs from the Municipality of Dysart et al regular council meeting held on April 26, held virtually.

Time is being given to landowners who want to apply to use road allowances after a long discussion came out of a pair of applications for licenses of use, which included one for permission to use a road allowance and a joint-application for occupation to use an original allowance for a road.

It was clear from Dysart council's discussion these requests have greater ramifications that will apply to future applications and has prompted an examination of the relevant Policy 32. Council said they will not allow a long-term license, but will extend the opportunity to apply for a license of occupation for the duration of one year where landowners provide the liability insurance and the \$500 non-refundable administration fee for a license.

Dysart Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said it's important to give people "a bit of a break"

Mayor Andrea Roberts said, who acknowledged how she is not returning to council next term, recognizes the complication with the implementation of Policy 32.

"I think we're in muddy waters and I think there are other situations like this that we really need to go get to the bottom and ensure the policy 32 is correct and we might actually at this time next year revoke all licenses of occupation and that's just the way it goes," Mayor Andrea Roberts said. "We might get that. We have that prerogative."

Per Dysart, Policy 32 is a policy to govern the use of road allowance, which states that the municipality will not generally permit use of an unopened road allowance, which leads to water for any building or structure, including dock. However, council may recognize the historic use of an unopened road allowance, which leads to water, for a private dock only, subject to certain conditions.

Ward 5 Councillor Walt McKechnie concurred with Roberts about exercising patience and understanding in this situation, particularly with the coming boating season and recognize how life during the pandemic has affected everyone.

"Let's give these people some time. Needless to say there is proof that the docks been there a long time. So, let's give them some time to try to iron this out and get it corrected," he said.

He added it's a "big can of worms for sure."

Dysart clerk Mallory Bishop reminded council about historic use in Policy 32.

"The [current] policy only applies to the owners that have been there since the 70s. Right, so it's a good point to remember that proof that a dock is physically located there when it wasn't originally your dock that doesn't apply in this situation. So the ownership has changed since that original dock. So, again, if council wanted to change that policy it would just say that right extends to future owners. But that's not the way the policy is written currently. So it's something to keep in mind when we're talking about historical ownership," she said.

Roberts said it's important to find consistency with the application of this policy.

Ward 4 Councillor John Smith called this approach for public road allowance "haphazard" granting of access for public property.

"It's favouring a few. People who don't actually pay waterfront taxes haven't made the investment in the incremental cost of waterfront property. Those people have access to 28 public boat launches throughout Dys-

art. Areas that are maintained for use by the public," he said.

He adds these agreements giving private landowners access are "special privileges for a few, frankly, at the expense of the vast majority of people."

Earlier in the discussion, there was discussion about seeking legal advice with the application of Policy 32.

Smith contended legal advice on Policy 32 isn't needed when it was already offered with one of the applications. He didn't believe the costs associated were warranted when it was already presented.

Roberts said it's Dysart's responsibility to seek out independent legal advice on Policy 32 is to ensure everyone is treated fairly when it comes to road allowance access.

"It's going to be money well spent, because this is not an uncommon problem. In light of the fact that we have a liability, I'm actually trying to protect the municipality and be fair to the people who have docks there for some time. How long and who owned what? We don't 100 per cent know? But they certainly weren't put up there in the last couple of years. So, in that case, that is why I'm proposing that we do a license of occupation for one year while we review policy 32 and get legal opinion. And this time next year, council can say there are no docks on an open road allowance to water, simple," she said.

The process is underway to examine policy 32 as a result of the discussion.

The township's director of planning and land information, Jeff Iles was directed by council to start the public notification process towards the public consultation process as outlined in policy 32 and to return for an agreement and bylaw at a future meeting.

Letter of intent for P4P

Dysart is nearing the finalization of the letter of intent with Places for People for the affordable housing development on Wallings Road. Among the amendments included agreeing to the first right of refusal and a one-year extension to the exclusivity period in recognition the process may take longer than expected due to opposition to the development. Back in March, the council reviewed the draft letter of intent. Council will provide direction to amend the letter to include the changes as recommended and council will provide direction to prepare agreement of purchase and sale including recommended conditions. A bylaw will be presented at a future meeting to approve the letter of intent and the agreement of purchase and sale.

The Fleming residence site plan authorized

Staff highlighted a few items since the March 25 special council meeting asking council to consider recommendations of amendment to site-plan for the residence development, which included the material used for the parking lot, sidewalk contributions, securities for the development, and approval of the changes to the site-plan agreement.

Fleming College's director, physical resources, Terry Williams said after a meeting with the Glebe Park committee and team members for Fleming College did a walk through, which included looking at open spaces, and the storm water management and seeing the entire watershed, and came to the conclusion "that the asphalt surfacing is the most environmentally friendly and most controllable way to manage the watershed on property, but besides that it was a great meeting."

Councillor Smith noted how he was not part of the walk-through and said he was in favour of permeable surface. He was "shocked" about the idea that a permeable surface would cost four times that of a asphalt sur-

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— Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts

face, citing the example of a permeable surface at the Minden Animal Hospital.

Sidewalk contributions will be waived because of how there are not any connecting sidewalks in the area. No securities are required of the college's residence site plan agreement, despite the college initially offering \$25,000 for securities. It was noted that securities did not apply to the original build of the Haliburton campus building. Project Advisor with Prism Partners Inc., Susan Conner highlighted how the college's investment of close to \$19 million after the four phases are completed warrants the waiving of securities. Kennedy also notes this investment to justify waiving securities.

Council approved the changes to the site-plan agreement. Pending permit approvals, the residence is planned to start construction in 2023.

Roberts acknowledged how the budget has doubled during the process for the residence project and is appreciative of the collaborative spirit, but noted the changes influencing the added expenses were necessary to meet the needs of the township.

"Before I look for a mover and seconder, I just want to thank everyone on screen, but all the people not on screen your board of directors for the times you've gone back to them to ask for more money. Sorry, but it's part of the process. Sorry, not sorry. I think what I said is we're really doing the best for the college, but we represent Dysart and we're doing the best for Dysart and it just couldn't be more timely. I really hope you get your building permits in January of 2023 and I can walk through the park and to see construction to begin with the college residence because otherwise people are going to want to attend and not be able to find a place to stay here. So, that is a big concern," she said.

Council voted in favour of authorizing the execution of an amended site-plan agreement, as reflected by council's direction.

Lame Duck period ahead

As of nomination day (Aug.19), Dysart will enter the period of what is known as the "lame duck" period when council can not appoint or remove from office of any officer of the municipality, hire or dismiss any employee, dispose of any real or personal property of the municipality, which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal, and make any expenditure or incur any liability exceeding \$50,000. The last meeting for council before the lame duck period will be in July. Once in the lame duck period the CAO and treasurer will assume "restricted powers."

"So, we are very fortunate we have an outstanding CAO and treasurer," Roberts said. "We fully trust your capabilities in that time."

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First Steps Training, Basics of Carpentry students Marhti Crowley, from left at back, Natasha Ferguson work together with instructor Don Jones, at front, keeping a helpful eye on things during the construction of a bunkie.

Bid on a bunkie for SIRCH

Students in the First Steps Training, Basics of Carpentry program being facilitated by SIRCH Community Services are building a bunkie with instructor Doug Norris's help. The bunkie will be put up for auction online starting May 13. Anyone is invited to bid by visiting www.SIRCH.on.ca, with proceeds going back into SIRCH programming. The training

program is a partnership with Employment Ontario, Fleming Employment Services and the Ontario Trillium Foundation. To place a bid, you will have to register and leave a credit card on file.

Submitted by Angelica Ingram



Students Marhti Crowley, from left at back, Natasha Ferguson work together with instructor Don Jones, at front, keeping a helpful eye on things during the construction of a bunkie. Facilitated by SIRCH Community Services, the bunkie is part of an online auction, which started on May 13, to help raise money for SIRCH's programming. Anyone is invited to bid by visiting www.SIRCH.on.ca, with proceeds going back into SIRCH programming. Submitted by Angelica Ingram



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With summer-like temps and the extra day, life for those that work the five-day work week, this Victoria Day weekend has the potential to be full of adventures alone, with friends, or with family, or it can be just a time to catch up on chores, or a barbecue in the park or backyard with a small gathering of friends and family. Laughter will be shared. Great food savoured. Toasts around the kitchen table at home, or in front of the lake, as the sun's warmth makes everyone's face glow. Watch the clouds float by and do nothing. Play board games at the dining table where everyone is shouting all at once. There are a myriad of opportunities available to satiate our desires and satisfy the soul this coming weekend.

For all this opportunity of joy, there is the potential for tragedy on the roads or the potential for a careless action to lead to a forest fire, which is a reality with the conditions in the Highlands since a recent fire ban was announced by all four municipalities in Haliburton County on Thursday, May 12.

It's obviously disappointing to not be able to have a bonfire, but let's remember the dangers, which not only apply to the immediate vicinity, but the potential of a how quickly a fire can blaze its trail of destruction beyond what you can see, destroying property, but also potentially harming others.

Also, let's not add to the sobering statistics by aggressively driving to wherever we need to go. Exercise patience for the greater good for us all, so we don't have to read about it in the newspapers and hear about it on television.

Earlier this year, the OPP released important statistics pertaining to road calls.

There were 315 deaths on the roads last year, which is four per cent more than who died compared to 2020. Of these there were 81 speed-related deaths on the roads last year, which is a 10-year high. Another statistic that jumps out was how there were 60,544 road crashes in 2021, which is up eight per cent from year before.

It's easy to get excited with the anticipation of getting away from it all, hoping to start what you have been anticipating for a few weeks or even months sooner than later because of a slow moving vehicle. Saving the 10 minutes or 30 minutes by driving excessively more than the posted speed is tempting. Is it really worth it though?

Let's all do our best to practice patience and good judgment. Have your drinks over the course of several hours on the dock or just in your backyard, but recognize that staying over or getting a ride is not just the right thing to do for yourself, but is right for everyone. Let's have this weekend filled with magical memories that last generations instead of regret because of tragedy, which can have a ripple affect, whether

that is the sorrow felt by those directly affected, or indirectly by the emergency responders on the scene and the healthcare professionals in the hospital, who have to work this weekend, keeping us safe and or end up saving our lives. Think of them when you consider passing a line of slow vehicles on the way to the cottage, the trail head, or the boat launch on a two-land road. Think of their families and their mental well-being before you make an emotional decision to be quicker than others, so memories are made instead of emotional laden calls, letting people know loved ones aren't coming home. Exercise your power for a great weekend, so we can all go home with heart-filled memories instead of the feeling of emptiness of tragedy and sadness.



darren lum

Editorial



Head Lake morning

by Darren Lum

Wooden it be wonderful

WHEN MONIKA heard the dog barking, she knew someone must be at the door. Pulling herself away from a really good book, she looked out the front window. It was Terrence delivering a bush chord of firewood. Every spring Monika ordered a few chords from Terrence and now one of them lay at the top of the driveway like some misshapen castle. A castle that slowly came down as she moved it, piece by piece, into the woodshed.

This was a yearly seasonal task. It involved a wheelbarrow and plenty of lifting, pushing and pil-ing. The first few loads were heavy and a little awkward as she maneuvered the wheelbarrow around the side of the shed and up over its floor. But before long she got into the rhythm: bend, grab, lift and stack. Repeatedly. The real satisfaction came from watching the misshapen castle go down and the neat line of firewood grow longer and higher.

The first night saw the heating pad pulled from the closet and laid against her back. But after that her body toughened up and Monika began to feel like she could fight off a bear with her seasonally acquired strength. Well, almost.

Weather was a factor in this scenario. She had piled in rain, snow, wind and heat. The sun could be surprisingly warm, but snow and rain enjoyed slipping down her back, given the right circumstances. The worse the wood piling weather was the more Monika felt the pride of accomplishment. Sometimes she had to encourage herself, saying things like 'just one more load' or 'think of those iron biceps.'

And when the job was done she knew she was ready for winter.

This year, her firewood was coming a little later. Monika wondered if maybe Terrence had forgotten. She had ordered the firewood months ago, but when it still hadn't arrived, she phoned him. It came within a few days. When he came for payment,

she was surprised at his appearance. Looking a bit wobbly on his legs, as he walked up her porch steps, Monika saw how thin he had become. And his eyes looked different, as though he was distracted.

Was Terrence getting too old to be doing this kind of dirty, brutal firewood work, she speculated to herself. He was one of those people whose age was hard to pin down. Year after year, he always looked the same. Not particularly tall, an old hat pulled down to shade his eyes, Terrence was a man who obviously spent a lot of time outdoors. His face was like leather, lined and deeply tanned. A trail of eau de diesel followed in his wake and she always speculated if he changed his clothes after working or just kept wearing them when he quit for the day.

After the delivery, they usually had a chat about world events, focusing on politics. Terrence had strong opinions and it made for a lively debate. He would sit behind his truck's wheel and offer up views on what was wrong with the country and what should be done. Monika always enjoyed these exchanges.

But this time was different. He had told her over the phone that his memory wasn't as good as it used to be. So then she knew he had forgotten her order. And when she saw him, she wondered if it might be better if his son started taking over more of the business. Perhaps it was time for Terrence to take life a little easier.

However, the problem could well be that he didn't want to stop what he was doing.

This was not unusual for someone who had worked hard all his life, to the point where that work was a big part of his identity.

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points of view

Hope floats

NOW THAT fishing season is here, I have been out a few times and caught some brook trout, but mostly, I have started the season doing what I always do – toying with a new technique.

Every trout season I try to add something new to my fly-fishing repertoire. And, this year, it is strike indicator fishing. For those who are not fly anglers – a strike indicator is what spin fisherman would call a bobber. But only because they don't know the difference.

The major difference is we associate bobbers with unsophisticated kids who don't have the slightest clue why they are catching all those fish. A strike indicator, on the other hand, is used by fly anglers who know enough to leave, the minute a kid with a bobber shows up.

A description detailing the design differences might also be in order.

A bobber is brightly coloured so you can see it, very buoyant, and round or tapered. Meanwhile, a strike indicator is, brightly coloured so you can see it, very buoyant, and tapered or round. Most importantly, however, it has a much more technical name, which clearly makes them a far more sophisticated angling tool.

Despite this, when asked, "What is the difference between a strike indicator and a bobber?" most fly fishermen will steer clear of the explanation I just gave and instead offer the standard answer. That being, "The difference between a bobber and



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Loon Tales

a strike indicator is \$4.99."

And this is why I have steered clear of strike indicators for more than 40 years of fly fishing. You see, if you go to a fly-fishing shop and spend an extra \$4.99 on what the untrained eye could easily mistake for a bobber, you are letting the sales staff know they've got a live wire. And then they are onto you like sharks on blood.

Heck, I heard a story of one fellow who walked into a fly-fishing shop with the intent of buying a single strike indicator. He left with a new rod, reel, waders, three fly lines, two full fly boxes, and a drift boat and trailer – and a strike indicator.

Having said that, I ordered a few strike indicators online this winter and thankfully that did not happen to me. Mostly because Jenn looked over my shoulder just in time to remove the new rod, reel, waders, three fly lines, two full fly boxes and a drift boat and trailer from my cart.

She also said, "Those are expensive. Why can't you just use a bobber like all the other anglers?"

We did not talk for the remainder of the day.

In any case, I took someone new to fly-fishing out for brookies on Saturday. It was getting late in our outing, and we had caught some fish when I paddled the canoe into a place that looked perfect for fishing a strike indicator rig. So, I set one up, handed the rod to her and she cast it by an old, downed tree that was laying in a shady spot beside a freshet that flowed into the lake.

And wouldn't you know it. A fish rocketed up from the depths, ignored the fly hanging below, and smacked the strike indicator hard. And then, confused I imagine, it left, never to be seen or heard from again.

The new angler looked at me and said, "I thought you said these strike indicator rigs were effective."

I was at a loss for words I mean, who would have thought a reputable fly shop would sell you bobbers?



pic of the past

From the 1940s, Lorne Fry, from left, and Harold Morrison hold lake trout on a gaff, which is a barrel head crook. The crooks were the waste material from the squares from which the wooden barrel heads were cut. The crooks were also used as kindling for firing the boilers, but the workers often took a few home after every shift to light the kitchen stoves at home. (What are the odds of finding a picture of such a disposable commodity as a crook?) Both gentlemen were employees of the International Cooperage at Eagle Lake. The photo was recently donated to the Museum by Bill Fry of Eagle Lake, son of Lorne. Fry also donated one of the barrel heads. The photo and the barrel head are now on display at the Museum. Photo submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum's curator, Steve Hill.



For HERS

Women's Centre and HERS manager at YWCA Peterborough Nycole Duncan, left, received \$278.75 for the YWCA's Challenge for Mom initiative from SIRCH baker Judith Bamford on Thursday, May 12 from the Bistro's sale of sugar cookies with "mom" written on them. The YWCA invited local businesses and community members to fundraise from May 1 to May 8 to show support for women facing gender-based violence. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

letters to the editor

Reader agrees with editorial, Vote for what's best

To the Editor:

Vote for What's Best. Well said, Darren.

Judy Neimann

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions must not exceed 300 words, and are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

Showcasing talents

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School drama class perform "Gaston" from *Beauty and the Beast* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion at Hal High's Got Talent: The Welcome Back Tour on Wednesday, May 11. The event featured a talent show with performances by HHSS student musicians and the drama class and an open house to tour the school, visit displays of student work, and converse with community partners. The event was held to welcome the public back into the school after two years of restricted access as a result of COVID-19 health measures. HHSS is hosting a performance of *Beauty and the Beast* from June 13 to June 16. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students wave their phones in the air and sing along to their classmates performing *Every Rose Has Its Thorn* by Poison.



Visitors came and saw displays of student work, and conversed with community partners.



Myles Sharp plays the theme song to *Spongebob Squarepants* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion at Hal High's Got Talent: The Welcome Back Tour.

Return of the Haliburton County Farmers' Markets

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association is bringing back a seasonal tradition by uniting the community by offering a one-stop opportunity to buy locally grown food and artisanal goods.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market will be open in Haliburton on Tuesdays, Minden on Saturdays, and Stanhope on Sundays starting this spring.

The markets will feature 41 vendors, all from Haliburton County or close neighbouring municipalities coming together to bring "food, art, culture, and community to the entire county," said market manager Lauren Phillips.

"They are a meeting place for friends and families, they are a hub of art and culture, and they are a place where you can come and support your friends and neighbours by shopping locally and supporting small businesses. Thus, keeping money right here in our community," she said.

This year, the markets will be back to pre-COVID locations in both Haliburton's Head Lake Park along the pathway next to Head Lake, and downtown in Minden at the corner of Prince Street and Milne Street.

Phillips said, "We are excited about

[moving back to our Pre-COVID locations] as it will make it easier for people with mobility issues to come to and enjoy our markets."

The Haliburton location of the markets' opening day is Tuesday, May 17 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Minden market begins Saturday, May 21, and the Stanhope location will open Friday, June 17 at 1095 North Shore road at the Stanhope Community Centre.

Phillips said that customers and vendors are not required to wear masks while outdoors, but mask-wearing is still recommended by Public Health.

Buskers and not-for-profit booths are welcomed back for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are available upon request: incrediblehcfma@gmail.com.

Ron Lofthouse, owner of Lofthouse Beeswax Company, said that he is excited to return as a vendor at all three market locations this season.

"We had 30,000 people through our markets last year, and we look forward to seeing them all again this year," Lofthouse said. "It's the people that make the markets really special for me. After [COVID-19 health measures] there was a loss of connection with people. I am looking forward to saying hello to the same people each week once again as well as seeing some new faces."

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The Red Hawks senior girls' doubles team of Emma Tidey, from left, and Ava Smith took their momentum from finishing second at COSSA to their first OFSAA berth, which was held from May 5 to 7 in Pain Court. The team finished with three wins and three losses to finish 18 out of a field of 40 teams. With both athletes in Grade 12, this achievement ends their high school badminton career on a high note. /DARREN LUM Staff

Joy in fulfilling a dream in Pain Court

Mission accomplished for Red Hawks doubles' team with a strong work ethic to earn OFSAA berth

DARREN LUM

Editor

Ava Smith was beaming with pride about fulfilling a vow to earn an all-provincials berth recently, which was made several years ago as a student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Smith, a senior girls' Red Hawks' doubles badminton player, recently competed at the Ontario Federation Sports Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championships with doubles' teammate Emma Tidey.

Held from May 5 to 7 at St. Clair College in Pain Court with 50 matches a day, the all-provincial championship, provided the backdrop to a dream come true, and reminded the pair about recounting what they said in Grade 6.

"We really like this and we're pretty good at it and, so, we were like, okay, imagine going to OFSAA in high school?"

The doubles' team peaked for the tournament, Smith said. This resulted in a 3-3 record, good enough for 18th out of 40 teams.

"That's the best we've ever played. We definitely rose to the challenge and we played I think the best we've ever played," she said.

The two players don't just play badminton. Both play for the Peterborough Ice Kats' AA girls' hockey team and are currently playing soccer for the Red Hawks senior team this spring. They believe their varied interests may put them at a disad-

vantage in terms of badminton playing time and skill development compared to their opponents, who they assume don't play as many sports in the year, but it enables them to be well-rounded athletes. The Hawks' pair believe it heightened their excitement when the high school badminton season started than if they played badminton year-round. They also added their agility, footwork, reaction time and upper body strength is benefited by playing other sports such as volleyball, soccer and hockey.

Tidey said there was a certain level of pride to not just play, but compete well against their opponents, who were clearly players with club experience.

Smith remembers one match on the first day when they surprised a team by going up 10-0 to start.

Although the Hawks' tandem eventually lost, it put their opponents on notice and they forced a third and deciding game for the match.

"They totally underestimated us when we showed up ... at first they were like laughing and giggling and then started to realize that we were just smoking them at that point. They're like, okay, we got to actually go [and play]," she said.

The tournament was organized with the opening day of matches determining the team's field of competition (a flight – no losses, b flight – one loss and c flight – two losses) while the second day included the elimination round when teams who lost two matches would be eliminated from play, and then the third was for

championship matches. The Hawks finished 2-1 and advanced from the first day to the b flight when they won one match and lost two. They finished 3-3 overall at the tournament.

At first, Tidey and Smith didn't feel entirely comfortable at the all-provincial tournament with how the other teams exhibited the common traits associated to not just playing for their high school, but were clearly part of a badminton club.

Many of the doubles' teams they saw were dressed in matching track suits, with badminton specific shoes on their feet, and four rackets each, compared to just the one racket for each of the girls from here.

Smith added their opponents' depth of skills was on showcase, but it didn't deter their determination to overcome what seemed at the time overwhelming odds.

"They all have these fancy smashes where they jump and smash the bird right at you and there's no chance of getting it. We kept up. It was good," Smith said.

Tidey adds the pair relaxed as the tournament wore on despite feeling frustrated to start.

"As the tournament went on more and more we learned to have more fun," she said.

Tidey remembers on the first day they were getting frustrated with each other. This ended when they remembered to have fun.

"We just started to support each other more," she said.

The team loved their coach's even-

keeled approach to coaching them this season, his supportive and encouraging words he offered, including how he reminded them at OFSAA to remember to have fun.

Smith said their coach told them, 'You guys made it here and you're doing awesome. Have fun.'

Back in Grade 9 the team finished on the podium, but with no all-provincials to go to (as a rule) the team anticipated Grade 10 to be their year to fulfill a dream.

"We were just proud we made it that far," Tidey said. "And then we kind of thought about it, 'oh, well, when we're in Grade 12 [or Grade 11] we'll do badminton again and see how far we get,'" Tidey said.

The pandemic hit and that wish was left unfulfilled. Grade 11 came and the pandemic continued, so with health measures lifting this year, the team was able to make their last year of eligibility count.

For Tidey, this year and the opportunity to play for a berth to the all-provincials was welcomed.

The lesson the tandem took from the all-provincial experience was how their efforts during the pre-season and season, which were built upon passion for the sport and a belief in themselves, established them as a team that belonged with the best in the province.

"We're hard workers. We can compete. We can keep up. Even though we don't have club experience, which everyone at OFSAA plays club ... we can keep up," Smith said.



Hawks draw with Hurricanes

Melanie Walter receives the ball during the HHSS junior girl's soccer game against Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School on Monday, May 9 at the HHSS field. The team played with intensity and finished the game with a 2-2 score. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Red Hawks player Tea Yates follows through with a kick.

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Waking up the rush for watercross racing

OWRA kicks off race series at Pinestone in Haliburton

DARREN LUM

Editor

Tyler Charity, a Red Hawks alumnus isn't giving anything away this long weekend when the first race of the Ontario Watercross Racing Association (OWRA) kicks off on the pond in front of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

A regular podium finisher the past few years will be looking to start the season on a high, which is within a short drive from the high school he graduated from in 2017.

Being at home, he said, he'll feel the pressure to ride his modified snowmobile to victory, but said it will be exciting.

"Hopefully I do good and show them what I can do," he said.

Watercross is essentially a snowmobile race on water. His sled uses biodegradable oils and has a fuel system (with oil and fuel tanks) with a one-way valve, which allows the water to go into the gas tank but doesn't allow the gas to come back out. The typical equipment for each racer includes a bright orange helmet for greater visibility during rescues, a PFD, a leather protective suit (though some just race in a track suit), and motocross or steel-toed work boots.

Charity said his aim is to earn his spot in the pro category next year by winning three races or getting on the podium three times this season.



Red Hawks alumnus Tyler Charity will be going for the checkered flag at the upcoming Ontario Watercross Racing Association's first race of their racing series at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre this long weekend. Held from Saturday, May 21 to Sunday, May 22, the event is free for spectators and will be featuring racers of a variety of abilities, taking sleds north of 100 kilometres an hour on the straights. /Photo submitted

The difference between the semi-pro and the pro category is the engine size

and permitted engine modifications. In pro it is unlimited, with a matching price tag while semi-pro has modification parameters.

As a self-admitted adrenaline junkie, who got into watercross because of his dad, who raced in watercross in the 1990s, he said he will reach top speeds of close to 100 kilometres per hour on the straight away.

The best part of the racing experience is the atmosphere at venues, he said.

"The people are good, good family, friends that are there. Everyone's just supportive and helps everyone out," he said.

Just before starting a race, waiting for the start, he said it's, "nerve-wracking."

"You're basically going on a snowmobile straight out onto the water, so you don't know exactly what's going to happen," he said. "The worst that can happen is you sink, then we just have to pull the sled out."

He said when his happens the race is over.

After six years of watercross racing experience, the key to being a good racer is practice, which he does on the weekends to get faster by focusing on his cornering. It's important, he said, to position on the inside of the sled during cornering, which he said is similar to motorcycle racing – getting low, body forward.

The Haliburton location will not only kick off the season, but is two of three scheduled dates this year, with the return scheduled on the June 25/26 weekend. Races, which are planned to start at 10 a.m. and will not go longer than 5 p.m., will be Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22. The categories include amateur, semi-pro 600 and 800, and pro 600 and 800. At the lone race held last year in Tweed (restricted because of health measures), had a field of 50 racers. The Pinestone venue kicked off the OWRA season in 2019.

Admission is free for spectators, but donations are always appreciated at the front gates.

Charity welcomes fans to come out to enjoy the races.

"Just hope to see everyone there and everyone has a good time," he said.

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Ending with a roar!

Hawks draw with Hurricanes Evan Backus from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) dribbles past an Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) opponent during the Grade 7/8 boys exhibition basketball game on Wednesday, May 4 at the ASES. gym in Minden. Assistant coach of the JDHES Jaguars team said that the team started the game slow, but they improved in each new quarter and finished strong. This was the first game that the team had played in front of a crowd this season. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Jaguars' player Caleb Manning, front, dribbles past Archie Stouffer Elementary School opponent.

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Faster, Higher, Stronger

Red Hawks runners Brooke Stover and Erika Hoare race at the East Northumberland Secondary School Invitational Track Meet last month. This event provided warmup for the Kawartha championships, which were held last week. /Photos submitted by Karen Gervais



Faster, Higher, Stronger
Red Hawks track athlete Jackson Wilson spots the landing during the East Northumberland Secondary School Invitational Track Meet last month.



Red Hawks track athlete Brooklyn Sidsworth makes an attempt in shotput at the East Northumberland Secondary School Invitational Track Meet last month.



Red Hawks track athlete Damon Harris runs in pursuit of competitors after receiving the baton from Ben Robinson.

Hard charging
Red Hawks sprinter Liah Gallant, centre, runs down the final stretch during the 200 metre event at the Durham Classic Invitational held from April 27 to 28 at the Oshawa Civic Recreation Complex. Gallant finished with a time of 28.83 for a seventh place finish out of a field of 30 competitors who raced. /Photos submitted by Karen Gervais



Notable finishes at the Durham Invitational in Oshawa:
Erika Hoare nov. female 3000m, 5th, nov. female 300m low hurdles, 6th, nov. female 1,500m, 9th
Hannah Sharp, nov. female 80 m, 8th
Lily Manning, jr. female 300m low hurdles, 6th, jr. female 800 m, 9th. Stamp set school record, being first female entered.
Liah Gallant, sr. female 200m dash, 7th, 100m dash, 9th
Ella Stamp, open female 2,000m steeplechase, 9th
Sophie Longo, sr. female 400m low hurdles 5th
Brooklyn Sidsworth, sr. female discus, 6th



Red Hawks runner Ella Stamp, at right, clears a hurdle in the open 2,000 metre steeplechase event. Stamp, who finished ninth, set a new school record by being the first female to compete in the event, which was changed to match the distance run by the males.

Brooke Stover, sr. female 400m, 8th, sr. female 800m, 9th
Haiden Bird, nov. male 800m, 7th
Darian Willis, sr. male 800m, 10th
Corin Gervais, sr. male 800m, 5th, senior male 400m low hurdles, 6th
Benjamin Robinson, senior male javelin, 10th
Jackson Wilson, sr. male, 200m dash, 9th

Teams
Haliburton A, open female 4 x 400 m relay, 4th
Haliburton B, open female 4 x 400 m relay, 7th
Haliburton A, open male 4 x 400 m relay, 3rd



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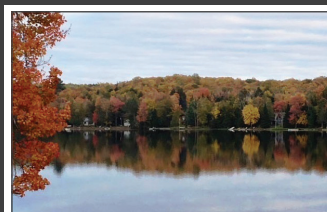
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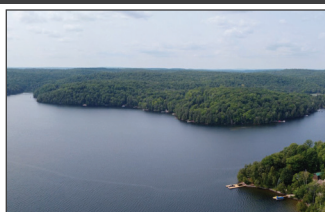
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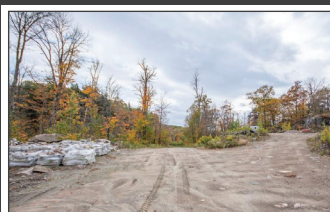


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Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Highway 118, Tory Hill

- 83 Acres
- Year Round Municipal Road
- Close to town



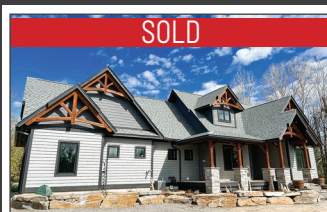
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Karen Nimigon*
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Kanawa Ln - Kushog Lk

- 4 Beds / 2 Bath
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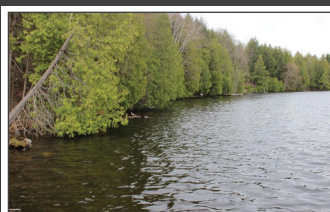


3 Bedroom Home

- Open Concept Living
- Full, Walk-out Basement
- 1.5 acres, Centrally Located between Minden and Haliburton



Melanie Vigrass*
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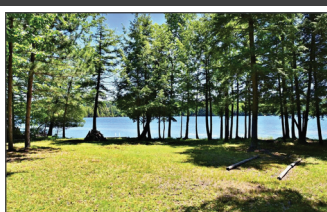


Salerno Lake \$349,000

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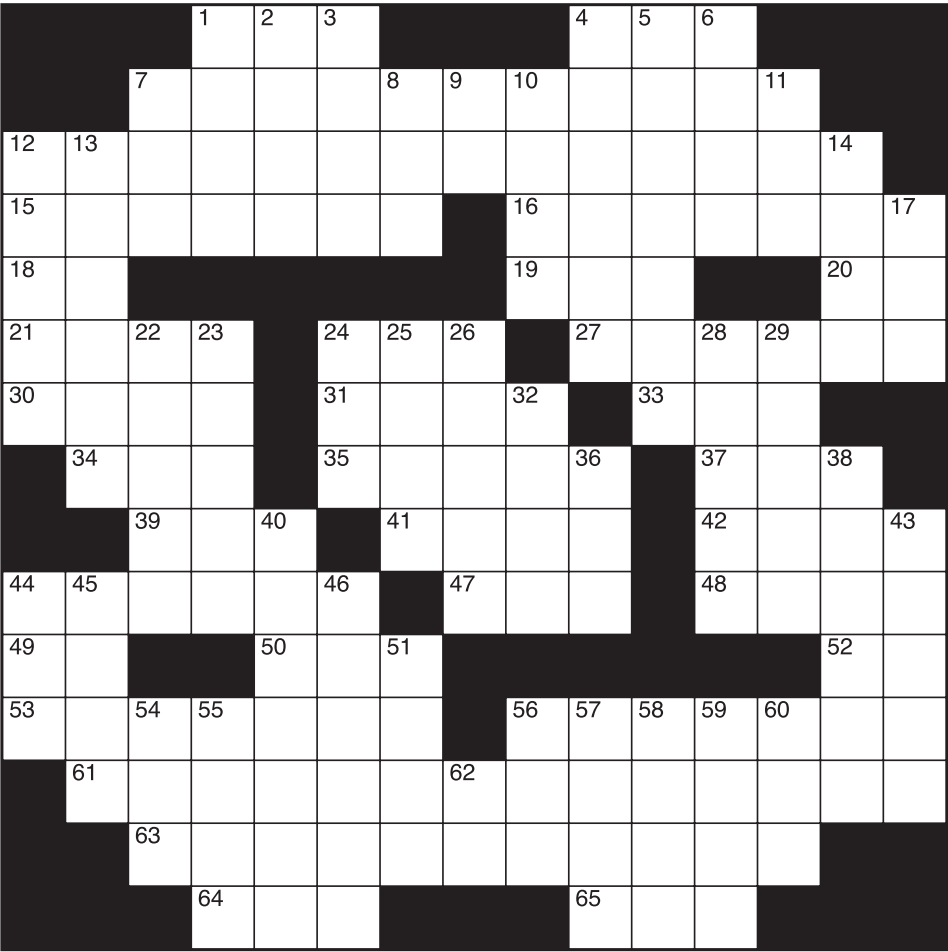
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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Moved quickly
 - 4. Ocean temperature
 - 7. Scholarly book series
 - 12. Irregular
 - 15. Hairstyle
 - 16. Indigestion fixer
 - 18. Special therapy
 - 19. Mock
 - 20. Partner to Pa
 - 21. Strays
 - 24. Swedish currency (abbr.)
 - 27. Desired
 - 30. Soap product
 - 31. Traditional fishing boat
 - 33. No (Scottish)
 - 34. Spy organization
 - 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 37. Married woman
 - 39. Blood relation
 - 41. German river
 - 42. Genus of clams
 - 44. Parts of a movie
 - 47. Residue
 - 48. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
 - 49. Atomic #77
 - 50. Where wrestlers work
 - 52. Northeast
 - 53. Type of lettuce
 - 56. Abstain
 - 61. Communication between two
 - 63. One who administers medicine
 - 64. Sun up in New York
 - 65. Having eight
- 5. Type of weapon
 - 6. ___ Turner, rock singer
 - 7. Microgram
 - 8. Hair product
 - 9. Health care pro
 - 10. Holy fire
 - 11. Military ID (abbr.)
 - 12. ___ the ante
 - 13. Containing nitrogen
 - 14. Green citrus fruit
 - 17. Male parent
 - 22. Bring up
 - 23. Murdered
 - 24. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 25. Supreme ruler Genghis
 - 26. Social media hand gesture
 - 28. Semitic Sun god
 - 29. Land
 - 32. Database management system
 - 36. Similar
 - 38. Nice to look at
 - 40. Covered with mud
 - 43. Simple dry fruit
 - 44. Title of respect
 - 45. Type of footwear
 - 46. Most lucid
 - 51. Exam
 - 54. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
 - 55. ÒRule, Britannia’ composer
 - 56. Small Eurasian deer
 - 57. “Within”
 - 58. Insures bank’s depositors
 - 59. A pause for relaxation
 - 60. Social insect
 - 62. Expresses acidity

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. He played “Milton”
 - 2. Elsa’s sister
 - 3. Digital wallet
 - 4. About backbone

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Coalition offers support to efforts to legislate watercraft noise

DARREN LUM
Editor

When you’re trying to enjoy the solitude of a Saturday morning at the cottage by the lake it’s impossible to do that with the intrusive drone emitted by a high-powered motorboat, which can be heard long before seen.

It’s a national problem and is at the heart of the Decibel Coalition’s efforts to change federal boating regulations to muffle engines on watercraft.

From a prepared statement from the Coalition, they said, “Current boating regulations allow excessively loud boats with ineffective or no mufflers on regional waterways. This is a major and growing problem, adversely affecting wildlife and human enjoyment of these areas. Waterways are regulated by the federal government, and a group of over 65 associations and municipalities called the Decibel Coalition is asking Transport Canada to put decibel limits on motorboats.”

There is representation supporting the Coalition from B.C. to Quebec.

Decibel Coalition project lead and advocacy committee Rob Bosomworth said it comes down to a few outliers that don’t really care about others.

“There’s a huge amount of inconsideration. I don’t really have an issue with people wanting to have fast boats, but noise is like light and smoke from cigarettes. It has no boundaries. These boats can be heard sometimes four or five kilometres away on a still morning. I’m on Lake Rosseau and I can hear them on Lake Joseph. That’s five or six kilometres away,” he said. “Can’t see them and the noise is still there. Highly disruptive.”

Bosomworth has been coming to Muskoka all of his life, while his family has been cottaging there since 1884. He says there needs to be legislation and quantifiable limits on what is acceptable.

Per a Coalition prepared statement, “Current regulations require small vessels to have mufflers or have through-the-propeller exhaust. However, the regulations do not include decibel limits on noise emissions. Enforcement officials lack the technical expertise needed to identify whether a muffler is properly equipped according to current standards. As a result, there is little-to-no enforcement of the regulations anywhere in Canada, allowing the problem to grow unchecked.”

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations’ chair Paul MacInnes said his organization has given its support to the Decibel Coalition because of excessive noise on lakes is a reality here in the Highlands.

One of the major contributors to the excessive noise on Beech Lake where he resides, and other lakes in the Highlands, he said, is how some motorboats have a dual exhaust, which is above the water.

“You’ve seen it on cars. It almost seems like they’re designed to make as much noise as possible. And for people who want peace and quiet and want to sit and listen to the loons or even just have lunch outside with friends and family the noise levels are intrusive,” he said.

He likens it to a “a very noisy motorcycle,” but with the water the sound carries a greater distance.

This isn’t all boaters, he said.

“It’s the minority of people with boats that cause the problem. And the Decibel Coalition folks approached us and asked us to support the national campaign. It’s not one of our core issues, obviously, but we decided as a board that we would support them and because they’re trying to put a national coalition together,” he said.

His message to the noisy operators is to be mindful.

“You know, be kind. Be considerate of to others,” he said.

From the Safe Quiet Lakes Group, the Decibel Coalition was formed and has been working for two-and-a-half years on getting noise enforcement legislation. Bosomworth said they suspect it will take upwards of two years before the changes the Coalition has been looking for become legislated.

They have a three-pronged approach: one, work with the Ministry of Transport Canada, two, asking the public to have people provide input/make submissions, third, meet with politicians and the media to raise awareness of the effort.

Bosomworth cites a 2021 survey conducted by Quiet Lakes, which included close to 6,000 respondents, including people from Haliburton County.

“There’s a very strong correlation between people’s happiness on the lake and noise. Our survey said 67 per cent wanted two things with noise. It was enforcement and set a decibel limit for engine noise,” he said.

Enforcing muffler laws and decibel laws has already been in practice in places in Europe and the US for 20 years, he added.

“It’s not just to manufacturers and operators, but they apply to anybody who services, installs, sells. The whole market stream [is legislated],” he said, referring to Europe.

Regulations also apply to manufacturing and maintenance work, he said.

Bosomworth said in the U.S. they raised concerns about noise in the 1980s. Now the rules are set by each state, but in Canada any legislation with the water has to be national.

“So, unless you can form a national organization, it’s really hard to convince Transport Canada to make a national change for a regional problem. So, that’s why we created the Decibel Coalition,” he said.

From a prepared statement, the Coalition also adds, “Local wildlife is also affected as high noise-emitting motorboats disturb and scare small mammals and waterfowl. Research funded by the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada shows that Canadian freshwater biodiversity is declining at an unprecedented rate, and research suggests the importance of noise pollution mitigation on preserving biodiversity and aquatic life.”

Bosomworth is hopeful change is on the way, but he acknowledges anything with the government will take time.

Per the Coalition, “Transport Canada has launched public consultations (letstalktransportation.ca/svne) in recognition of this problem, which was open until May 13. Of the five options presented, the Coalition believes that only option five will effectively address the issue. The Coalition is encouraging Canadians to send a letter to their elected officials via their website (safequiet.ca/

Hope for spring in Highlands East

Submitted by Jan Simon

Finally, spring is here and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624 of Wilberforce is rising from the ashes of the pandemic.

Our first meeting was held on May 5 to reorganize and bring our community back to the branch for social activities. Our first breakfast will be Sunday, June 12 and you are all invited. We hope to resume all previous activities including the "Diner's Club," as soon as we can connect with the person in charge. It has been too long since we all gathered together over good food and conversation.

Herlihey Park Update

As with all other of life's activities the Herlihey Park Project has been put on hold. I have looked over the site survey and the master plan for this park and can tell everyone that when completed, this park (dedicated to Harold Herlihey) will be an outstanding asset to our municipality.

A great amount of thought by professionals and input from publicly held meetings have brought together a concept that is truly wonderful. There will be activities planned to suit all ages. The plans indicate volleyball courts, docks, a pavilion complete with picnic tables, swimming, fishing, playgrounds and walking trails throughout the park. Each trail will feature a unique landscape experience. There will be three parking lots and a beautiful main entrance. Since the site has been environmentally cleaned up it is now ready to take on a new life – a great place for families to gather and enjoy the beauty of Dark Lake.

The photos, which are a part of the master plan, show the park in various seasons and are magnificent in their natural beauty. One picture shows a fireworks display. With control of individual fireworks on private properties being a concern, what a great venue for a controlled fireworks display by licensed professionals for the benefit of the entire community.

These pictures also show the origins of the site as the Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber Company. Many people who worked at the veneer plant are still living in the area and have many stories to tell of those days.

Due to the pandemic and to delays in consultations with the First Nations of our area, work has been delayed. All that has been done to date is the demolition of the old shed that once sat at the roadside.

The initial plan going forward was over a four year period. The infrastructure including parking lots, the main entrance signage and walking trails are the first priority. It was to begin the summer of 2019 and continue each summer for 2020, 2021 and finish in 2022. We have lost a lot of time, but hopefully the plan for the basic infrastructure can begin the first week of May and then to move into phase two this summer, if possible, in order to

catch up for lost time.

Highlands East is most grateful to the Herlihey family for donating the land and to the group who has planned this park with such precision. Thanks also to the public who gave their input, which is truly valued, and will have a central role in the completion of this project.

We look forward to seeing Herlihey Park completed for the enjoyment of not only our local residents, but of all people who when hearing of the park, will want to visit. It will certainly be a tourist destination to benefit everyone.

Optimistic for change

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our-initiatives/decibel-coalition/email-your-member-of-parliament-today/) indicating their support of introducing decibel limits in regulations."

Bosomworth said Transport Canada told them that a coalition and political pressure is needed to affect change.

"So that's why we're making the politicians aware. It's the democratic process. In a good democracy the bureaucrats will not do the work, will not make changes

unless they're completely convinced that there is a change [needed]," he said.

He continues, "They're very cautious people. So, we're trying to remove any need for them to be more cautious than necessary. But I'm convinced we will get it."

See the website safequiet.ca for more information about the Decibel Coalition and its efforts, including what you can do to contribute to a quieter lake, which can be a simple modification to your watercraft.



Feline fashion show

Flash the cat enjoys some chin scratches from his "Grandma," Marie Whitfield, during his visit with the residents at Highland Wood in Haliburton on Thursday, May 12 for one of the long-term care home's activities for the day. Flash goes to Highland Wood every other week to visit residents and show off a new outfit. Liane Roberts, Flash's owner, said that Flash brings joy to residents like her mother, and she enjoys bringing him along for a visit. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Municipality of Dysart et al
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Form 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on June 15, 2022, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton. **Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tJf6eG1p1>** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 04700 0000; PIN 39252-0027 (LT); PT LT 5 CON 7 DYSART AS IN DY3763; DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN DY3763; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-04
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$24,000
Minimum tender amount: \$5,997.24

2. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 35300 0000; Irish Line Rd.; PIN 39141-0342 (LT); PT LT 8 CON 3 GUILFORD AS IN H127005; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-20
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$82,000
Minimum tender amount: \$7,149.23

3. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 76415 0000; Eagle Lake Rd.; PIN 39142-0259 (LT); PT LT 11 CON 4 GUILFORD PT 1 19R4394; S/T GU626; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-21
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$28,500
Minimum tender amount: \$5,809.93

4. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 80800 0000; PIN 39142-0202 (LT); PT LT 14 CON 4 GUILFORD AS IN H181845 DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN H181845; S/T INTEREST IN H181845.; DYSART ET AL; File No. 20-22
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$28,000
Minimum tender amount: \$5,929.72

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

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This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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HE Environment Committee: Composting can help with the climate crisis

The Highlands East Environment Committee is establishing a social media driven composting campaign this summer. The focus on composting will be posted on all their social media channels, information will be provided on how to compost, how to discourage bears, and why it can help with the climate crisis and food security in the county.

Environmental committee member and local homesteader Andrew Von Zuben believes that, "Composting is an important first step towards taking personal responsibility for our waste and demonstrates the clear difference between managing renewable and non-renewable resources."

Composting bins and information on how to compost can all be sourced locally. Links and information will accompany infographics that have been made specifically to encourage composting. Whether you do light gardening, or someone who is all in with chickens and vegetables, composting can help generate healthy soil for what you are doing. Composting keeps a lot of waste out of landfills; methane gas, released from decomposing food waste has a direct, destructive impact on warming our climate.

"I was fairly new to composting when I moved here," said committee member Victoria Ward, who is steering the campaign, "and even though I am not much of a gardener I have found that composting food waste has made me a much more mindful shopper, cook and overall environmentally conscious person. I want to encourage people to compost because it is something that you can do at home, and it can be helpful toward our county's climate goals."

Growing your own vegetables can also help with food security. It's an issue that many people in our community struggle with. Ward believes that the activity of composting inspires a much more thoughtful approach to eating and shopping for food. You begin to think about what you are purchasing and that's a good thing for our environment.

The committee is also reaching out to community organizations to amplify the composting message. Watch for the municipality's infographics beginning in May



on a social media channel near you. Please share and retweet!

Additional information on composting in general can be found on the Highlands East Municipal website and the Harvest Haliburton website: www.highlandseast.ca/en/live-here/composting.aspx or www.harvesthaliburton.com/gardening.html

Submitted by Victoria Ward

Memorable Mother's Day

community news
west guilford
Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

A trip to Barrie with all its attendant pleasures. First of all, my young sister, June did the driving. After supper we walked the walkway by Kempenfeldt Bay as far as Minet's Point. Many people strolling there at the sunset hour. Amazing to watch a tiny squirrel, which had likely lost track of its mother climb up the pant leg of a very tall man, mistaking it for a young tree probably. Mother's Day began agreeably by attending St. George's Anglican Church. All in all, seeing our former rector the Reverend Ken McClure, with wife, Becca and son, Jack was a welcome sight. Very welcoming congregation. Then over to

Egbert to see my nieces so June could be with her daughter on Mother's Day. Lovely angel food cake for dessert! Next, on to Collingwood to June's other daughter and family. In between, we called on a friend who treated us to tea and a coconut cake. Back at the Sheens, we lazed in the sun in their spacious yard and enjoyed the antics of a two-year old grandson as he played in and out and went through the motions of starting the car, an older model, which he'd been given permission to play on and around. I'd forgotten how active a two-year-old can be, but enjoyed climbing in and out of that vehicle. Supper (or dinner as it was called) revolved around a birthday party, so of course there was a special cake there too. All in all we'd spent a wonderful Mother's Day and came home well satisfied the next day after meeting a favourite Barrie cousin for lunch. I loved seeing the boy again, so dear to my childhood days, but, as ever, happy to be back at Grass Lake and home.

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SIRCH Community Services executive director Gena Robertson shows one of the hundreds of Meals on Wheels meals available to the public to visiting MPP -Haliburton Kawartha Lakes-Brock Laurie Scott on April 20 at the SIRCH Cafe Bistro in Haliburton. Scott's visit was to celebrate the Bistro's operation as a facility offering eatery options for breakfast and lunch, including opportunities for employment, with training and instruction from its Cook It Up and Ready for Retail program as a result of three-year \$800,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow grant. / DARREN LUM Staff

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Registration for the walk is at 11:30 p.m. Pledge forms are available at PetValu in Haliburton or call Lion's member Mary at 705-448-1128, or visit haliburtonlions.com.

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Notice (Applicant - VANCE)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Contau Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, June 14, 2022** at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 16, Concession 5, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-10637, made by **Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc.** completed January 5, 2022.

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 17th day of May, 2022.

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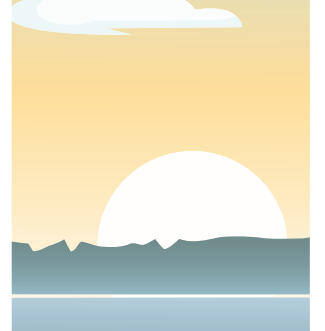
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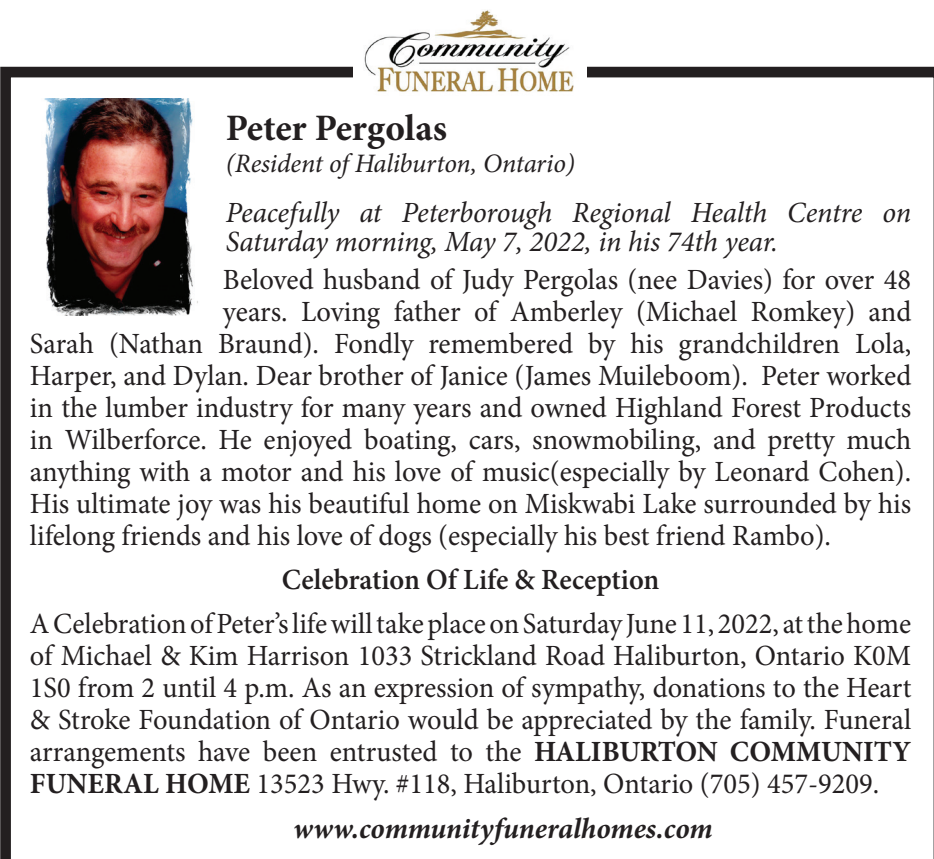
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Celebration Of Life & Reception

A Celebration of Peter's life will take place on Saturday June 11, 2022, at the home of Michael & Kim Harrison 1033 Strickland Road Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 from 2 until 4 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Freida "Chris" Williamson (nee Kriger)
(Resident of Tory Hill, Ontario)

Peacefully at Highland Crest LTC in Minden on Thursday morning, May 12, 2022, in her 99th year, with family by her side.

Beloved wife of the late Bruce Williamson. Predeceased by her first husband Lavern "Bernie" Lewis. Loving mother of Dean of Winnipeg and Freida (Ken Evans) of Huntsville. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren David (Amber), Laura (Nathan), Julie (Colin), Alex (Chantel) and by her great grandchildren Jonathan, Nicholas, Heidi, Austin, Ty, Shayla, Tana, Kena, Jace, Cara and Kade. Dear sister of William (Audriene) and Edward "Ed" (Florence). Predeceased by brothers and sisters Martha (Rocco), Rose (Adam), Alma, Mandy (Richard), Emma (Orvil), Elsie (John), and Hazel (George). Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Freida was a Veteran of WWII and served as a Leading Aircraftwoman. She enjoyed entertaining, cooking, canning, gardening, sewing, traveling to Arizona for the winter, and most of all, spending time with her family.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, May 18, 2022, for Funeral Service in Chapel at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior.) To attend the service virtually please go to the following link 15 minutes prior to service time <https://join.skype.com/trVgAGstq6jE>. At the family's request, please wear a mask. Interment later South Wilberforce Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton would be appreciated by the family.

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Lisa Jean Frost (nee Hamill)

With heavy hearts we share the passing of Lisa Frost after a short private battle with Cancer, Lisa left us May 12, 2022.

She leaves behind, her loving husband of 29 years Bill Frost, her two adored children Brayden Frost (Kristie), and Jaylin Frost (Will). She will be missed by her two dogs, Marshall & Denby.

She will be forever missed by her parents Jane Wilson (Ed) & Neil Hamill (Charmaine). Lovingly remembered by her siblings Steven Hamill (Melinda), Brittany Wang (Nik), Eden Hamill-Birungi (Ivan) and Taylor Hamill (Priscilla). Dearly missed by her in-laws, Jim & Marilyn Frost, Eric Frost, Joel Frost (Michelle), by her many nieces & nephews, aunts, uncles, those who called her Momma Lisa, extended family and countless friends.

Lisa will be dearly remembered for her crocheted blankets, her cooking, and the smile she had wherever she went. We will always love and miss you.

A Remembrance Gathering

Friends are invited to attend the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Friday May 20, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 12 (Noon). Interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Hospital costs triple; county comes through

by LEN PIZZEY

Editor

The continuing care addition to Haliburton Hospital that was to have cost \$1.3 million little more than two years ago, will now cost an

estimated \$4.22 million, but Haliburton County's politicians are determined it won't be they who scuttle the project. At a special closed meeting Monday night, council guaranteed it would come up with the additional \$642,000 local share

of the cost, but only on condition that the building go to tender immediately.

The decision came just three days after Ontario's health ministry gave the board of St. Joseph's General Hospital, which owns the Halibur-

ton Hospital, just two weeks to confirm that local people could fund one third of the current estimated price. Council's management committee held an emergency meeting Sunday afternoon to draft a cost sharing plan, and won unanimous approval

for it on Monday night.

Under the plan, Dysart council would contribute \$142,000, county council would hand over an additional \$300,000, and the public would be asked to raise another \$200,000, which council would in the meantime guarantee. These funds are in addition to the \$493,000 already raised through public dona-

in jeopardy. In July, the health ministry said the building would have to have air conditioning, (it had not been included on the recommendation of the building committee as a cost saving measure) and sent the plans back to the architects. Although the air conditioning added only \$57,000 to the price of the building, the most recent estimate,

Dysart buys new industrial land

by LEN PIZZEY

Editor

Dysart council has purchased 150 acres of rural land on the west side of Highway 118 west of Jim Beef Lake and intends to rezone it for industrial purposes.

The land, purchased from Harold Bannan for \$50,000, can be serviced through a road allowance, presently unopened, that extends north from the Haliburton landfill site, meeting Hwy. 118 just west of the Eagle Lake road junction.

In rezoning the land, council will ensure that it cannot be used for any retail purpose. The move is intended to preclude the possibility of secondary retail and commercial development along the road, which could otherwise function as a by-pass around Haliburton.

Council also is negotiating to purchase a parcel of land adjacent to the existing industrial park property from the Jack Robertson estate. Council expects the purchase to be completed this year, with development of new industrial sites by 1990. Council has indicated it will impose tighter site plan controls on the new parcel than it did on the first phase of the industrial park, which is now sold out.

Sign makes beach clear

by SUSAN GROBER

Staff Reporter

Those who use the public beach where Deep Bay Road meets Gull Lake will be pleased to learn there is now a sign designating its access after their years of complaining to council.

"For the past 10 or 12 years there have been problems with a certain individual who tries to kick people

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Dump proposal needs MOE okay

by SUSAN GROBER

Staff Reporter

A representative from the Ministry of the Environment will meet with members of Lutterworth council to see if land around the Steeles landfill site can be sold for residential purposes.

Joe Sammut of Toronto has owned land around the dump for 38 years, long before the MOE declared that a residential building cannot be built within 400 metres of a landfill site. Now he wants to some of sell his land to a neighbour.

"He's only got half an acre, and he only wants a little more land," Sammut said at last Tuesday's council meeting. "His house is already

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Cardiff Public School students didn't mind Jump Rope for Heart as a diversion on a sunny day and fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. They raised \$1,500 for their efforts. Story, pictures page 25



The commitment is the largest ever made by Haliburton County to a single project. Local politicians hope the government responds swiftly.

tions to the hospital expansion project, and the \$266,400 that county council set aside in its original commitment.

In 1987, with architectural plans for the expansion completed, it was estimated that the 18 bed facility would cost \$1.3 million. Despite the fact that the local share of the cost was already assured, the province delayed approval and called for design changes that added to architectural and construction costs. By last spring the estimated cost had risen to \$3.2 million, and concern was growing that with construction inflation estimated at a compounding one percent a month, the project was

on which the health ministry's request for a guarantee of local cost sharing is based, is now \$4,224,744.

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey told his council on Monday that Dysart must take the lead role in guaranteeing the additional funding based on the present estimated cost. As well as the \$142,000 in direct additional support, Dysart would contribute 37 percent of the County's \$300,000 share.

Fearrey said local politicians and the community have no choice but to support the project, despite the inflated price.

"If you don't get the hospital this

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Dysart is hit with a 14 per cent tax hike

by LEN PIZZEY

Editor

Dysart et al property owners will be hit with a 14.3 percent increase in their tax bills this year to fund municipal, county and school board expenditures.

The figure was released Monday as council adopted its 1989 budget estimates.

Overall spending by the municipality is expected to be \$2,982,500 this year, up from 1988 budgeted spending of \$2,767,725. The increase will result in a 14.2 percent rise in the municipal portion of the total tax bill. The county levy is up 3.5 percent, while the elementary school requirement is up 15.2 percent and the secondary school portion is up 18.4 percent, for an overall increase of 14.2 percent.

The total tax increase is expected to be \$77.65 for an average household with an assessment of \$800.

While Monday's budget shows no major increases in municipal spending,

falling provincial subsidies mean local property and business taxes must make up the shortfall.

Last year, provincial subsidies met 50.16 percent of the cost of operating the municipality. This year the subsidies will account for only 47.2 percent of the budget. Property and business taxpayers funded 44.5 percent of the budget last year, while in 1989, the local share of costs will rise to 48.5 percent.

The decline in provincial grant support as a percentage of expenditures will have a serious impact on council's expenditures for roads. This year, for the first time, the local share of road spending will exceed the rate of subsidy, and the difference, estimated at \$35,000, will be funded entirely by local taxpayers.

In the past few years the province's share of local road expenditures has fallen from the 75 percent range to just 50 percent. The funds are barely adequate to carry out routine maintenance, and as the

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Pressure can stop spraying

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff Reporter

Now that the provincial government has joined the camp of the environmentalists, it is far more sensitive to complaints about the spraying practices of its provincially-owned utility company, a chemist told a small group of people on Saturday night.

"We've got the power back," Michael Collins said at a meeting about biocides sponsored by CHANGE (County for Haliburton Advocates of a Naturally Good Environment). "We can stop these people (at Ontario Hydro from spraying biocides along roadways and under power lines) and they'll respond."

"Hydro and the provincial government have a great fear that someone would start a class action and take them to court."

At issue is one of the substances used by Hydro to kill all plants beneath its power lines: 2-4D. While it is effective in getting rid of weeds and brush, it is also highly toxic to animals and humans. Which is why

Collins prefers to call it a biocide instead of a pesticide.

"Years ago, cytologists—people who study cells—used to think of plant and animal cells as distinct entities," he said. But in the past several years, they've found "You're not looking at much different in the two. Those things which cause genetic mutations in plant cells, cause genetic mutations in animal cells. Almost anything that affects any type of living cell, probably does the same thing to any cell."

Therefore, anything which can kill a plant, can't be very good for humans.

"Hydro at first resented and attempted to prevent a discussion of the problem," says Collins. Until there was recent proof that 2-4D is poisonous and causes cancer in humans, Hydro insisted it was a harmless product—unless you were a plant growing next to a power line.

But Collins says Hydro continued to use 2-4D because it had a long-term contract with a chemical company which was reluctant to face the very high cost of

breaking that contract, Hydro continued using it but said any request not to spray on private land would be respected. With only a year left in the contract, Collins says, Hydro announced it would cut down use of the spray by 30 per cent last year, 50 per cent this year, and 100 per cent next year.

"They admit 2-4D is toxic and say 'Give us a little time,'" Collins says. "I'm saying do it now."

When asked what could be done to prevent spraying on crown land, Collins says Hydro has a rule that land within 500 feet of a waterway can't be sprayed. Given Haliburton County's topography, this is virtually impossible and 2-4D is bound to get into a water table.

"If you ever see or hear of them spraying near a waterway, get the data, send the data to Pollution Probe (which is anxious to get enough data to get them into court) and sign it," Collins says.

Another suggestion was for property owners to send in a form letter to the Hydro board of directors.

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Pollution concerns may unite lake residents

by LEN PIZZEY

Editor

A Lake Kashagawigamog property owner concerned about pollution has called a public meeting for May 20 to organize an association of lake residents.

John Puffer says the lake's water quality has deteriorated in the past 10 years, and he is worried about the impact of a proposed expansion of the Haliburton sewage treatment plant.

"I'd just hate to see our lake turn

into a real swamp" says Puffer, whose family owns property in the Ingoldsby area.

In a letter to the Editor of *The Echo* last year, Puffer urged people to write to the Ministry of the Environment expressing concern about the decline in Kashagawigamog water quality and the potential threat from a greater volume of treated effluent being pumped into the lake. Many people telephoned him after the letter appeared to share their concern, he says.

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